

November 17, 2011

MINUTES

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Merit Commission met in a regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Division of Transportation, 600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, with the following:

Present: Marion Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Donald J. Klusendorf, Vice Chairperson
John Matijevich, Member
Hank Bogdala, Member

Absent: Michael Miceli, Secretary

Also Present: Chief Dave Godlewski
Carla Wyckoff, State's Attorney's Office
Susan Rankin, Executive Secretary
Beverly Bogdala, Guest

Session called to order at 9:00AM by Chairperson Watson.

Minutes from the 9/8/11 regular session and 9/29/11 special session meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on motion of Don Klusendorf, seconded by Hank Bogdala. Executive session minutes from 9/8/11 were reviewed in Executive session but unanimously approved in open session on motion from Don Klusendorf, seconded by John Matijevich. All in favor.

A summary of Personnel Action Items was distributed and accepted and ordered placed on file on motion of Donald Klusendorf, seconded by John Matijevich.

A summary of the YTD budget was distributed and reviewed, as well as expense reports reviewed and signed. Don Klusendorf made a motion to approve reports as presented, seconded by Hank Bogdala. All in favor.

Review was made of the current entry and lateral transfer eligibility lists. Our current Conditional Certified Eligibility list has three candidates. There are twelve candidates on the Supplemental Transfer list. There are currently five candidates on the Certified Eligibility list.

The Merit Commission recently completed the entry POWER test (physical agility) for Deputy Sheriff candidates at Grayslake North High School. The Commission received 295 applications, and 253 participated in the first test. Of the 253 that participated, 83 failed and 170 will take the written exam on November 20, 2011.

ASA Carla Wyckoff advised that the legislative proposal requesting a change to the new Illinois

Employee Credit Privacy Act which now forbids employers from inquiring about an applicant's or employee's credit history was initially brought before the County Board Committees on November 1st & November 2nd. The Merit Commission is requesting that the legislature support the expansion of the Act allowing the Commission to be held on the same statute as state law enforcement and investigative units when considering applications for hire. The final draft of the 2012 legislative program will be presented to the County Board Committee late November for formal consideration.

Chairman Watson advised that a informal inquiry has been made in regards to the Merit Commission resuming the responsibility of the testing and hiring of the Corrections Officers. Don Klusendorf recommended creating a collaborative task force with the Sheriff's Office to identify and review the details of this potential change. Commissioner John Matijevich was not in favor of the Merit Commission taking on the testing and hiring of Corrections Officers. ASA Carla Wyckoff will review the state statutes for any limitations. Additional discussion on this issue will be made in the December meeting.

Chairperson Watson requested a motion to go into Executive session at 9:55AM pursuant to Chapter 5 of ILCS ACT 120 SECTION 2(c)(1) and Chapter 5 of ILCS SECTION 2(c)(11). Motion made by Don Klusendorf, seconded by Hank Bogdala.

The meeting was reconvened to regular session by Chairperson Watson at 10:10AM.

Review was made of two entry candidate applications and screening examinations. By unanimous vote, Michael Ottman will be certified to the Sheriff. By unanimous vote Patrick Reilly was rejected.

Review was also made of two lateral transfer polygraph examinations. By unanimous vote, Jason Axelrod and Andrew Markoya will continue in the testing.

Don Klusendorf made a motion to accept those who were certified and rejected. John Matijevich seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Don Klusendorf, seconded by John Matijevich at 10:20AM.